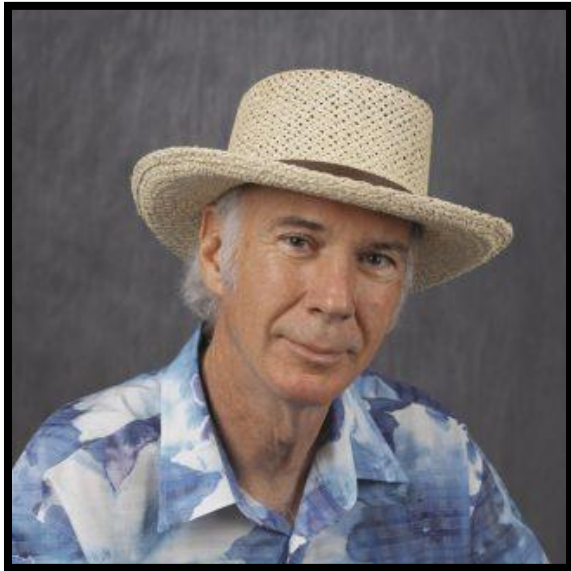


## KYAC 2021 Conference Bios / Sessions



**Our Keynote Speaker**

**Willy Claflin**

Willy Claflin is a one-man festival.

Spanning historical sagas, intergalactic yarns, Mother Moose Tales, and counter culture

misadventures, he covers the full spectrum of spoken word entertainment.

A headliner and master of ceremonies at the National Storytelling Festival, Willy is a favorite at festivals throughout the U.S. He offers stories for families as well as adults, often weaving music and puppetry into his performances. Participants especially love when Maynard Moose is able to come and visit with Willy.

An accomplished guitar player and narrative ballad specialist, Willy is sometimes joined by his son Brian for performances of In Yonder's Wood—a celebration of traditional music from the British Isles and Appalachia. His tributes to departed tellers, especially Gamble Rogers, revive wonderful talent that might otherwise be forgotten. Original, traditional, historical, personal, comic—regardless of genre, Willy fits any playbill.

Additionally, KDLA's storytelling collection holds many of Willy's great works – they are all available for you to delve into.

The best way to contact Willy is by email: [willyclaflin@gmail.com](mailto:willyclaflin@gmail.com)

You can find videos, interviews, articles, and additional background information about Willy and his work at: <https://www.willyclaflin.com>

## DAY 1, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**2021 KYAC Conference**  
**Opening Speaker**  
**‘In Praise of the Navigators’**

**And a Bonus Session:**

**“Why Can’t All Our Patrons Be Nice???”**

**— — — how we unintentionally marginalize  
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**Warning:** *you may not like – or agree with – everything that you hear.*

**Terry Manuel** began his library career as a college work-study student. After graduation, he entered the public library field. He has served as outreach librarian (KY), public library director (KY), cataloger (WY), reference librarian (WY), branch manager (WY), regional administrator (KDLA), technology consultant (KDLA), Library Development Branch Manager (KDLA), Division Director (KDLA), and now Commissioner, State Librarian and Archivist. He has also taught cataloging, reference and library management at the college level.

His concern for marginalized populations led him to serve on the Public Access Committee of the Access to Justice Commission and as a children’s advocate with CASA. Terry has a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Law degree from Champlain University.

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# ROOM ONE – September 22



## 2021 KYAC Conference Opening Speaker

9:30 ET / 8:30 CT **'In Praise of the Navigators'**

**Terry Manuel**

Commissioner, State Librarian and Archivist  
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

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**Dr. Mandy Higgins** is the Community Engagement Administrator at the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS). She works with communities across the Commonwealth to share, preserve, and better understand local, regional, and state history. At KHS, she oversees the Historical Marker, Oral History, and local history programs. She earned her PhD in American history from the University of Kentucky. [mandy.higgins@ky.gov](mailto:mandy.higgins@ky.gov)

10:00 ET / 9:00 CT **Finding History**

*Join Dr. Mandy Higgins, the Community Engagement*

*Administrator at the Kentucky Historical Society, and learn how the state's Historical Marker program can get young people moving and learning about your county's history and culture. Higgins will discuss partnerships with county libraries, school groups, and historical societies, as well as the many ways to engage with the historical marker program.*

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11:00 ET / 10:00 CT **"Why Can't All Our Patrons Be Nice???"**  
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**EXHIBITOR 12:00 ET / 11:00 CT**



The '**Learn the Signs. Act Early.**' campaign promotes the importance of celebrating developmental milestones with families and encourages families to 'act early' should they have any concerns about their child's development. Free developmental monitoring tools and the Milestone Tracker app are available to help families track their child's development from age 2 months on up to 5 years. Public libraries that serve parents of young children can add 'Learn the Signs.' materials to their resources for parents.

Find out more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

Contact **Christine Hausman**, [christine.hausman@uky.edu](mailto:christine.hausman@uky.edu), for more information.

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**EXHIBITOR 12:15 ET / 11:15 CT**



**Bus to Business®** is a statewide initiative focused on connecting students with employers and bringing classrooms to careers. The goal of the program is to show students what career pathways are in their own communities. Through this program, students are given the opportunity to tour businesses, complete hands-on work-based learning activities, and speak directly with employers and industry leaders about career pathways available in their organizations. Students learn about what careers are in demand in Kentucky and what it takes to attain them.

Find out more at: <https://www.kychamber.com/bustobusiness>

Contact **Harper Smith**, [hsmith@kychamber.com](mailto:hsmith@kychamber.com), for more information.

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**Haley Lee** is a Mobile and Educational Service Librarian at Warren County Public Library in Kentucky. Haley received her master's in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. When she's not at the library, she's working on her next big cosplay. [haley1@warrenpl.org](mailto:haley1@warrenpl.org)

**3:00 ET / 2:00 CT Using Video Games and Virtual Reality (VR) in the Library** *Explore ways to use video games not only*

*for entertainment, but as teaching and team building tools, communication enhancers, and to experience something new.*

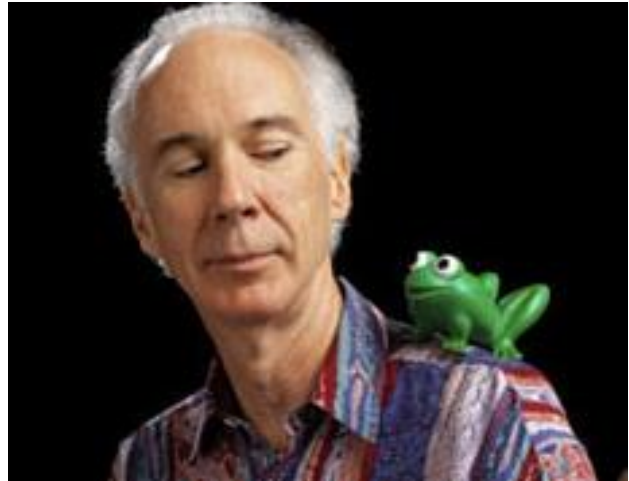
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## ROOM TWO – September 22



**Suzanne Banta** has worked in Youth Services at the Henry County Public Library for 20+ years. She feels lucky to be able to work in the library that she loved so much as a child and hopes to continue making the library a safe place for kids of all ages while championing for positive change in her community. Suzanne also holds a mindfulness teaching certificate and is working toward becoming a yoga teacher and SEL facilitator.

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**Natalie Jeffries** has been the Adult Services Librarian at the Henry County Public Library for 6 years. Working in a rural community has helped her get creative about providing innovative and educational programs to Henry County. She enjoys being an active member of many local groups and organizations, especially the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. [natalie.jeffries@henrylibrary.org](mailto:natalie.jeffries@henrylibrary.org)



### 10:00 ET / 9:00 CT **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, a Mini-Conference Promoting Community Wellness**

*Annually the Henry County Public Library hosts a daylong event for families with a focus on all five aspects of health and wellness. The event is a collaboration between the Youth and Adult Services Department and was originally planned to support our partners at our local FRYSCs. The all-ages event consists of four sessions with guest speakers, special activities, giveaways, and even a free lunch (provided by the Friends of HCPL). The best part is, with the support of community partners, the whole day costs the library less than \$200.*

*We'll talk about how we pulled this program together and ways how you can do this program at your location, too.*



**Alison Hill, PhD** started her career in research, earning a PhD in Virology in 2016, but realized her true interest was science communication. At the Kentucky Science Center, she uses her passion for STEAM to 'Do Science' with students around the Commonwealth as the Assembly Program Coordinator.

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Although her background is in arts administration, **Megan Grodey** quickly learned from her time at the Kentucky Science Center that her calling is science outreach. She uses her skills to give our partners the best experience possible in her role as Registration and Logistics Coordinator.

[Megan.Grodey@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Megan.Grodey@louisvilleky.gov)



### 11:00 ET / 10:00 CT **Pivoting During a Pandemic: Resuming In-Person Programming while Maintaining a Digital Presence**

*Kentucky Science Center has gone from in-person to digital and back again! We'll share our story of the many pivots we've made to adapt to the ongoing pandemic.*

*Learn how the Kentucky Science Center can bring in-person and virtual educational programs to your library. We'll share our successes and our challenges. Please bring your comments and questions about your own hybrid learning offerings.*

### **EXHIBITOR** 12:00 ET / 11:00 CT



**Child Care Aware of Kentucky** is the statewide regional network for Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services supporting access to safe, affordable, quality child care for families as well as professional development for child care providers and trainers.

Find out more at: <https://www.childcareawareky.org>

Contact **Jill Norris**, [jill.norris1@uky.edu](mailto:jill.norris1@uky.edu), for more information.



**Abby Branstein** is a children's programmer for the Oldham County Public Library and enjoys finding creative ways to engage the community. Her Storywalk® journey began in early 2020 while looking for safe and equitable activities for patrons. Over time, the Storywalk® has evolved into a multi-site program with fresh and rotating content. [abigailb@oldhampl.org](mailto:abigailb@oldhampl.org)

### 3:00 ET / 2:00 CT **Jumpstart an Engaging Storywalk® Experience on a Limited Budget**

*Have you wanted to have a Storywalk® at your library, but didn't think it would be possible? In this session, you will learn how to start a Storywalk® program on a limited budget. You'll also get first-hand tips on selecting the right books & location, selecting the right signs and materials you'll need, and how to keep patrons returning by designing an effective rotation schedule.*

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**Ashley Nichole Sims** is a Teen Library Assistant and Union Activist in Louisville. She's worked for the Louisville Free Public Library for almost 9 years. When she's not splitting her time between serving teens at the library and serving her fellow library workers as a union leader, she's writing and creating art as Calliope Woods. You can find her online at [ashleynicholesims.com](http://ashleynicholesims.com) or [calliopewoods.com](http://calliopewoods.com).

[Ashley.Sims@lfpl.org](mailto:Ashley.Sims@lfpl.org)

**4:00 ET / 3:00 CT Anime 101: I don't know anything about anime and at this point I'm too afraid to ask**

*A teen has just finished the latest volume of My Hero Academia and wants to read something similar. Another patron was really into anime as a teenager but hasn't watched or read anything lately and wants to know where to start to get back into it. Yet another has just asked you if you have any good shonen in the library. Are you nervous when you think about these scenarios? This session can help.*

*Starting with the very basics of what anime and manga are, including terms, genres, and additional resources - leave this session more confident in interacting with Asian media and the patrons that are fans of this content. Seasoned weeb, too, will find value in this session. We'll also discuss anime and manga within a public library context and how and why to advocate for better inclusion of anime in public library collections.*

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## ROOM THREE – September 22

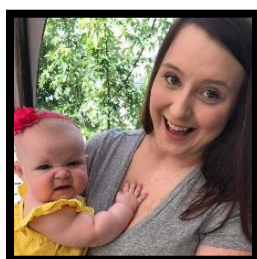


**Sally Dannenberg** is a Research and Development Associate with the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky. She has degrees in Nursing and Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood, Parent and Early Childhood Special Education. She has worked as a trainer for many years with early educators and special education staff. [sally.dannenberg@uky.edu](mailto:sally.dannenberg@uky.edu)

### 10:00 ET / 9:00 CT Courses and Resources from the Human Development Institute at UK

*Learn more about two courses from the Human Development Institute: School Ready Libraries and the **NEW** Sign Language for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers. We will also share some of the many resources that the Human Development Institute has for you and your patrons.*

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**Kaitlin Barber** is an Outreach Librarian at the Boone County Public Library. Her passion for children's media didn't begin until she became a mother. Finding that old favorites didn't always stand the test of time, and new media seemed to value quantity over quality - she strives to find media that she can enjoy with her children through conversation and laughs. She received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2015.

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**Pamela Jayne** is a Youth Services Librarian for Boone County Public Library in Florence, Kentucky. She has worked in libraries for 13 years, focusing on youth services, and received her MSLIS from Drexel University in 2014. [pjayne@bcpl.org](mailto:pjayne@bcpl.org)



### 11:00 ET / 10:00 CT Children's Media that Won't Kill Your Soul

*We know that children's TV shows and movies aren't always made with the entire family in mind. Some of the things marketed for kids can annoy, irritate, or just be problematic. Kaitlin (a mom to two kids and an Adult Outreach Librarian) and Pamela (a Youth Services Librarian) will discuss their best picks to make solid recommendations.*

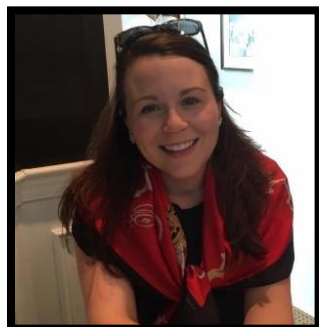
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**EXHIBITOR 12:00 ET / 11:00 CT**

**Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK)** is the premier statewide nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. PCAK is committed to prevent child maltreatment through education, awareness, advocacy and training.

Find out more at: <https://www.pcaky.org>

Contact Emily Bandy, [ebandy@pcaky.org](mailto:ebandy@pcaky.org), for more information.



**Natalie Frost Davis** has worked as a children's librarian and programming manager at libraries big & small, urban & rural, across Kentucky & Virginia. Her passion for helping library staff craft meaningful, welcoming programming experiences for patrons led her to create LibraryProgramming.org in 2019. [nataliefrost@gmail.com](mailto:nataliefrost@gmail.com)

**3:00 ET / 2:00 CT Beyond the Mason Jar: Adding Value to Craft Programming**

*Craft programming is perennially popular among library staff and patrons alike, but what function do these programs serve in achieving your library's goals? How can you tweak your programming to build skills, foster community, and reach underserved audiences?*

*Learn how to make simple changes and communicate the value of craft programming to your director, board, and community.*



**Renée Culver** teaches courses in fandom culture, womens' work, and other interdisciplinary courses at Bellarmine University part-time. The rest of the time, she's on staff at Spalding University's School of Creative and Professional Writing. Renee has an MFA in Creative Writing, as well as a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky. [mculver@bellarmine.edu](mailto:mculver@bellarmine.edu)

**4:00 ET / 3:00 CT From Fanfic to Fanfame: Understanding the Changing Face of Media Fandom**

*A generation ago, rabid mass media fans endured the stigma of being a "nerd." Still, for Generation Z and Gen Alpha, comic book heroes reign in the box office, and fanfiction*

*writers find their places on library shelves. In this talk, we'll do a brief overview of the history of fandom studies and use an interdisciplinary lens to consider how fans-- as meaning-makers--are writing, creating, and reforming the boundaries of corporate storytelling.*

## ROOM ONE – September 23



**Lea Wentworth** is the Youth Services Librarian at McCracken County Public Library in Paducah, Kentucky. She has done youth programming for children, teens and families in the community for over 10 years. Her focus areas include community outreach, underserved youth and families, and inclusion. [lwentworth@mclib.net](mailto:lwentworth@mclib.net)

**Linda Bartley** is the Youth Services Manager at The McCracken County Public Library in Paducah, Kentucky. She has shifted the focus of the department towards community partnership and outreach. She leads a team that strives to engage with all families in her community and promote access to library services and resources. [lbartley@mclib.net](mailto:lbartley@mclib.net)



### 10:00 ET / 9:00 CT **Wordless Picture Books for Inclusion and Engagement**

*Come learn reasons and ways to use wordless (silent) picture books in programming and outreach. Wordless picture books are universally understood, regardless of language barriers or reading ability.*

*This session will highlight some of our favorite titles and how we use them to promote inclusion, engagement, and to foster critical thinking and discussion.*

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**Trevor Pierrard** is the Technical Services Coordinator at the Daviess County Public Library where he teaches basic computer skills and runs the occasional tabletop adventure for teens and adults. During his free time, Trevor stays active doing Brazilian jiu-jitsu, building and painting models, reading sci-fi and fantasy writings, playing board games, and of course playing or reading about tabletop games.

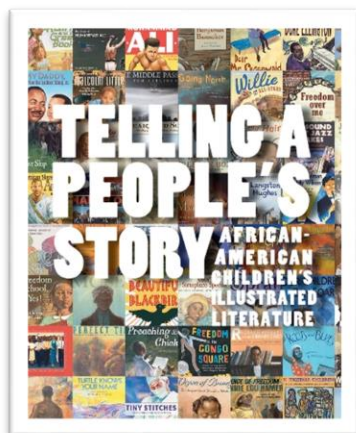
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**11:00 ET / 10:00 CT From Dungeons and Dragons to**

### **Pathfinder and Beyond**

*Trevor will discuss games such as the genre defining Dungeons and Dragons, the mechanically dense Pathfinder, and other systems (everything from vampires and werewolves to playing your own version of Stranger Things). Trevor will suggest different ways to run these games, from in-person, around a table, to across the world while online. Finally, he will cover the types of programs you may set up for different age groups and issues to be aware of.*

**EXHIBITOR 12:00 ET / 11:00 CT**



The Miami University Art Museum (MUAM) in southwest Ohio is pleased to bring the content of the original exhibition, **Telling a People's Story: African-American Children's Illustrated Literature**, to public libraries (and schools) across the country via the Traveling Panel Exhibition.

This first-of-its-kind introduction of educational resources and programming opportunities, surrounding the contextualization of African-American children's picture books, offers a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of an African-American identity.

Find out more at: <https://sites.miamioh.edu/tellingapeoplesstory/traveling-panel-exhibition>

Contact Jason Shaiman, [shaimaje@MiamiOH.edu](mailto:shaimaje@MiamiOH.edu), for more information.

**EXHIBITOR 12:15 ET / 11:15 CT**

**Kentucky Humanities** is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities dedicated to Telling Kentucky's Story through programs and services that create a legacy of pride in the wealth of Kentucky culture, building civic engagement and supporting local humanities programs and events.

Kentucky Humanities strives to enable all Kentuckians to take part in learning, sharing, and teaching each other about Kentucky's rich heritage through programs like Speakers Bureau, Kentucky Chautauqua, Prime Time Family Reading, Kentucky Reads, the Kentucky Book Festival, and grants.

Find out more at: <https://www.kyhumanities.org>

Contact **Kathleen Pool**, [kathleen.pool@uky.edu](mailto:kathleen.pool@uky.edu), for more information.

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**Sam Bloom** has worked with kids in schools and/or libraries for more than twenty years. He currently is a Children's Programmer at the Covington Branch of the Kenton County Public Library. [sam.bloom@kentonlibrary.org](mailto:sam.bloom@kentonlibrary.org)

### 3:00 ET / 2:00 CT **It's Not Just a Trend: Diverse Books at Your Library**

*More than ever before, libraries are including equity, diversity and inclusion goals in strategic plans. But what about youth-serving staff? How can we better serve young people from historically under-represented communities? In this session, explore ways in which you can be more intentional about finding and using diverse books (books that reflect and honor the lives of all young people, to paraphrase We Need Diverse Books) in your displays, programs, and reader's advisory.*

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4:00 ET / 3:00 CT



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## ROOM TWO – September 23



**Alicia McGrath** is a Continuing Education Consultant at KDLA. She handles the certification of public library staff and only dabbles in training. [alicia.mcgrath@ky.gov](mailto:alicia.mcgrath@ky.gov)



**Charly Taylor** is a Continuing Education Consultant at KDLA, where she works to provide training opportunities for library staff, and assists with the public library certification program. [charly.taylor@ky.gov](mailto:charly.taylor@ky.gov)

### 10:00 ET / 9:00 CT All New Certification Rules!

*The year brings a clean slate – and major revisions to the state regulations governing certification of Kentucky public library staff! We'll cover the new levels of certification, the requirements for each level, and how to determine which level you should hold.*



**Alina Trelesnik** has been affiliated with the Louisville Free Public Library in different capacities since June of 2016, starting out as AmeriCorps VISTA in 2016 for the summer program, a substitute clerk in 2018, and just recently, in April 2021, as a children's library assistant. She's a self-published author and her books currently circulate at LFPL. Alina has a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education but chose the library path instead of the traditional education one as she believes the library gives her the opportunities to use her education more than a typical classroom ever would. [Alina.Trelesnik@lfpl.org](mailto:Alina.Trelesnik@lfpl.org)

### 11:00 ET / 10:00 CT The TikTok Talk: What Does It Have to Do with Public Libraries?

*As social media is being widely used by a variety of library systems, TikTok has gained its popularity among the younger generation, such as children, tweens, and teenagers. How can this unique platform be utilized to reach out to Generation Z in ways that will attract young people to the library without the word 'library' putting them to sleep? We'll discuss making the videos, choice of music, how the algorithms work, and what NOT to do when TikTokking.*

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**KET** offers early childhood, K-12, and adult education resources, professional development, and other educational tools for families, educators, and communities across the state. See why students and teachers across Kentucky and the nation turn to KET for high-quality media, engaging curriculum, and innovative digital-learning resources, including PBS LearningMedia,

Media Arts resources, and much more.

Find out more at: <https://www.ket.org/education>

Contact **Holly Ackerman**, [hackerman@ket.org](mailto:hackerman@ket.org), and/or **Amanda Wright**, [awright@ket.org](mailto:awright@ket.org), for more information.

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**Ginny Yurich** is a Michigan mother of five and the founder of **1000 Hours Outside**, a global movement designed to reclaim childhood. She is a thought-leader in the world of nature-based play and its benefits for children. One of her top priorities is to inspire parents and teachers to spend time in nature. Her '1000 Hours Outside Challenge' spans the globe and many people from all walks of life look to her for inspiration as well as practical tips on how to put down the screens and get outside.

Ginny has a BS in Mathematics and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Michigan. She is also a speaker, author and illustrator. Her children's book, *The Little Farmhouse* in West Virginia, was published in February, 2019 and her book, *1000 Hours Outside Activity Book*, was published in April of 2021.

**2:00 ET / 1:00 CT Reading & Nature: The Powerhouse Combination**

*There are few activities that do as much for children as reading and playing outside do. Join with Ginny Yurich, founder of the global movement 1000 Hours Outside, as we discuss innovative ways to incorporate reading with nature. Topics will include summer program ideas and where to go for simple hands-on resources that pair well with readers.*

Learn more about **1000 Hours Outside**: <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com>



Contact **Ginny Yurich**, [ginny@1000hoursoutside.com](mailto:ginny@1000hoursoutside.com), for more information.

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**Jessica Chandler** has been the Children's Youth Services Librarian for the Perry Public Library since 2014 and adores her career. Born and raised in Perry County Kentucky, she has been married for 13 years and has one sassy silly daughter who is on the ASD spectrum.

As a child Jessica always got into trouble for two things, talking and reading ahead in the books assigned. Her mother was a school cook, who is now disabled/retired, and her father was a coal miner/construction worker who passed away from lung cancer 10 years ago. Jessica has one sister who always bemoaned that Jessica made her

look up the meaning of words. Both of Jessica's parents were bookworms and encouraged their children to be the same, always having access to books in their home. Jessica was the first in her family to attend college and graduated from Alice Lloyd College with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English. Jessica is a huge advocate for reading, libraries, and hobbies.

Words to live by: The world needs more glitter, have a TBR pile, & always carry a book.  
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### 3:00 ET / 2:00 CT **Never Boring Board Games**

*5000 years and still going! Join Jessica Chandler as she discusses board games in a library setting. Have fun learning about the variety of board game formats, where to find them, and how to use them for numerous library programs. You're never bored with board games.*

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### 4:00 ET / 3:00 CT **Book Clubs, Discussion Groups, and Schools. Oh My!**

*Book clubs and interactions with the schools are important to help create a partnership and helping put a book in a child's hand. Join this presentation to learn more about creating your own book club and/or discussion group and how to have fun while doing so.*

## ROOM THREE – September 23



**Enid Wohlstein**, MLIS, is a senior fellow at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Within the Kentucky Virtual Library unit, she handles technology issues, social media, training and content support. She has worked in law, academic and public libraries in a variety of departments including reference, acquisitions, technical services, archives, government documents and maps. She's also worked in the private sector in information technology and software product development.

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### 10:00 ET / 9:00 CT **AP/ACT Exam Prep from LearningExpress**

*LearningExpress in the Kentucky Virtual Library collection offers practice tests and study materials for the ACT and AP exams. We will cover how to create an account and navigate the practice resources.*

### 11:00 ET / 10:00 CT **KYVL eBook Collections for K12**

*Kentucky Virtual Library has four eBook collections for K12. We will review how to find and navigate those collections, including finding the permanent URL to share and downloading full eBooks.*

### 2:00 ET / 1:00 CT **KYVL Basics Overview – QuickSearch/Finding Publications**

*Kentucky Virtual Library has hundreds of thousands of publications to offer. We will review how to use Publication Title Search for finding magazines and journals. We will also cover QuickSearch, which has curated collections based on audience type.*

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### **EXHIBITOR 12:00 ET / 11:00 CT**



**KDLA (Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives)** is a state agency within the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. KDLA's mission is to support and promote access to library services and to ensure that documentation of government activities is created, preserved and made available for public use.

The State Library offers a variety of materials for checkout to public libraries:

- Book discussion and programming kits
- Circulating audio and large print collections
- KET Lending Library
- Professional development books
- Parenting books

**NOW HERE:** KDLA just launched a new storytelling collection, full of audios created by the best of the best storytelling performers, illustrated texts to support storytelling, and educational storytelling resources.

Find out more at: <https://kdla.ky.gov>

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## **EXHIBITOR 12:15 ET / 11:15 CT**



**KY Saves 529** has been Kentucky's official education savings plan since 1990. Accounts include benefits and features, like investments, gifting, webinars, and rewards, than can help families save more for education. Funds can be used in all 50 states to pay for college,

vocational and trade school, books, computers, and more.

KY Saves 529 partners with KDLA to offer a sweepstakes opportunity for youth participating in Kentucky's summer reading programs. This sweepstakes is an enjoyable way to inspire children to read and to encourage families to start saving and planning for future educational opportunities. Come and learn about our plans for next year's summer reading and how to share the good news with your patrons.

Find out more at: [www.ky529.com](http://www.ky529.com)

Contact Joe Wilcox, [joseph.wilcox@ascensus.com](mailto:joseph.wilcox@ascensus.com), for more information.

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**Stephanie Jackson** has been certified and teaching Chair Yoga for 10 years and uses routines that she creates herself. She has been married for 24 happy years and ALL of her children are athletic and taller than her. Her current obsession...National Parks.

### **3:00 ET / 2:00 CT Chair Yoga for Public Librarians**

*Chair Yoga will help YOU gain flexibility, increase breathing capacity and calmness in the mind - not to mention the overall rejuvenation you will experience from practicing! Stephanie has created this routine with public librarians in mind. \*ALL levels and physical abilities welcome...this is for every single one of you!*

Learn more about **Southern Charm Yoga** <https://www.facebook.com/socharm yoga>

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**Wesley Berhow** is a Manager with the Marshall County Public Library. He started this position on March 9th of 2020 right before the nation shut down for the first part of the pandemic. On the topic of Creepypasta, he's actually not a big fan of horror movies or books but still enjoys Creepypasta; it might be because of how varied they are, how imaginative, and how realistic they can feel. Some will keep you up for nights with how well written they are, others will keep you thinking and puzzling out the real meaning behind them. It's fun, weird, and sometimes downright terrifying. [wberhow@marshallcolibrary.org](mailto:wberhow@marshallcolibrary.org)

**Cheri Grinnell** has her degree in Art and Music. She has a love of children and a desire to create programs that inspire curiosity, wonder, and a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Cheri has worked with the Oldham County Library for 6 years collectively with a three-year stint in between at The Kentucky Science Center. Not only does Cheri adore science, she loves a good scary story, movie or TV show; she just loves horror and all that is Creepypasta.

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### **4:00 ET / 3:00 CT A Beginner's Guide to Creepypasta!**

*What is Creepypasta? As fun as that would be, it is not Halloween pasta, but horror stories. In particular, stories created online then copied and pasted around the internet.*

*Some of these stories are no more than a sentence while others are pages of text. What sets them apart from the normal genre of 'Horror' is the online culture that has grown around these Creepypasta and the element of reality attributed to each story. This presentation will provide an explanation on what Creepypasta is, where it can be found, and what to avoid.*

**Trigger Warning:** *Some of the topics or stories that will be discussed here can be gross or horrifying. If body-horror, or disturbing images cause you any discomfort, this is your warning.*